IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of)	
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U.S. Application No. 10/582,664)	Group Art Unit: 1761
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING DRIED)	
FOODS TO BE EATEN AFTER COOKED OR RECONSTITUTED WITH HOT WATER,)	
AND DRIED NOODLES)	Date: December 26, 2007

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The U.S. National Phase was entered in the U.S. Designated/Elected Office on June 13, 2006 for the above-identified application. As of December 26, 2007, it is indicated in PAIR that the application is undergoing pre-examination processing. Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of this application and when the Notice of Acceptance and Filing Receipt is expected to be mailed.

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